

JOSEPH S. AND WIVES,
NANCY ELIZABETH CUM-
MINGS AND MARY M. JONES
McDONALD



Joseph S. McDonald was born in Belfast, Down County, Ireland on October 15, 1842, a son of James and Sarah Ferguson McDonald. Married Nancy Elizabeth Cummings in 1863. She was born in Gibson County, Tenn., a daughter of John and Rachel Kennedy Cummings. She died October 18, 1881. He then married Mary Melinda in 1883 a daughter of Elisha and Sarah Ann Cummings Jones of Heber. Joseph died February 15, 1930, and Mary died Dec 7, 1936.

Joseph S. McDonald's parents, of Scotch descent, were born and reared in Northern Ireland. Joseph was the seventh child in the family.

In 1841 the McDonalds were one of the first four families in their community to join The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. After selling their possessions for \$200 in 1843 they came as immigrants to America with 250 other saints.

They joined the main body of the Church in Nauvoo, Ill., and lived there for two and a half years. After the martyrdom of the Prophet they were driven out of Nauvoo and moved to Benepart, Iowa, and later to Kanesville, Iowa. The father and older boys worked diligently to support the family and also to get wagons, teams and provisions to cross the plains with the other saints.

In June of 1850 the family joined the Aaron Johnson Company and began their journey across the plains. Cholera broke out in the company and many lost their lives including James, June 17, 1850, just one week after the trek started. His wife Sarah, was filled with grief, but with assistance of kind friends she was able to bring her family to Salt Lake City, arriving there on September 12, 1850.

Sarah was advised by the leaders of the Church to settle her family in Mountainville (now Alpine) where feed was plentiful for their animals. The following spring they moved to Springville, where they lived until 1862. When Sarah moved to Heber, Wasatch County, during that year, Joseph and most of the family accompanied her. Here they took up land, built homes and became farmers and stockmen.

Joseph married Nancy Elizabeth Cummings in 1863. To this union was born the following children: Sarah Jane, Joseph Cummings, Rachel, James X, Mary Ann, John, Isaac David.

Nancy was a helpful companion to Joseph, and a cheerful, loving mother for their children. She died after an illness of eighteen months.

Joseph married Mary Melinda Jones in 1883. She was born March 23, 1863. They lived in Heber for a few years, then Joseph took up a homestead in Buysville and moved his family there in 1892, where he went into the sheep business.

Mary assumed the place of a second mother to her husband's children and also bore the following children, two of whom died in infancy: William, Nancy Elizabeth, Sarah Ann, Edna, Ina, Otto, Stella, Jennie, Hyrum, Gladys.

Joseph S. took into his home and cared for Chester Davis, Nels Peterson and Arthur Bartell, all orphan boys.

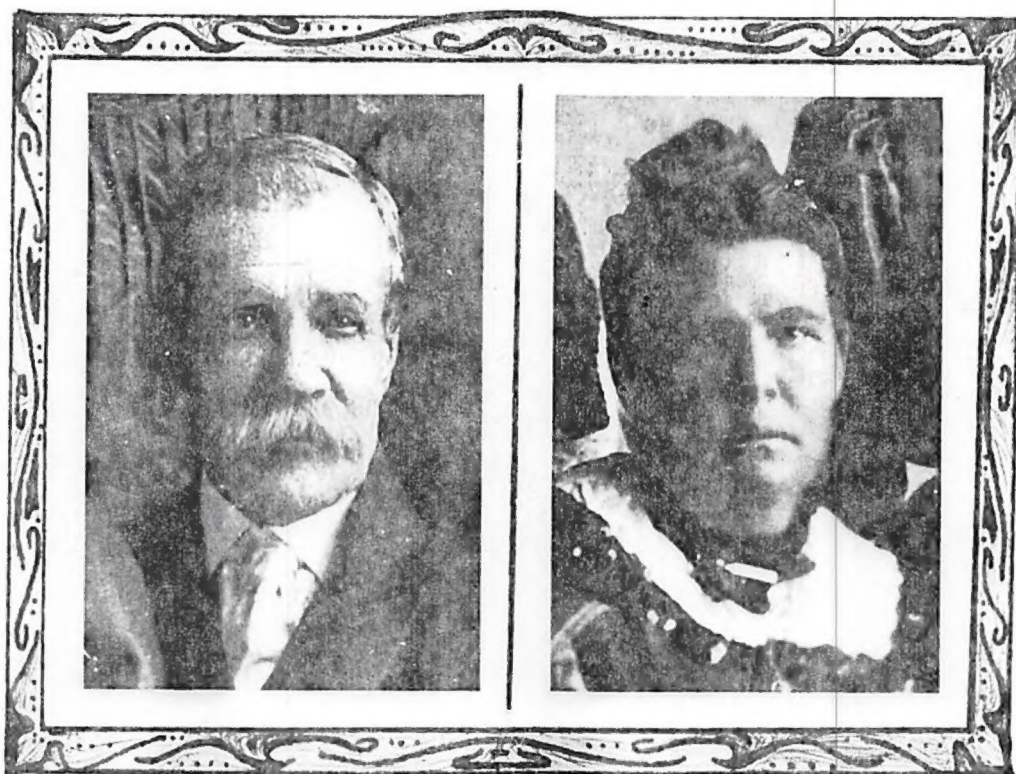
The family always took an active part in their community and Church affairs, which brought great happiness to all of them.

Joseph inherited many fine qualities from his parents, their Scotch thrift, ambition and a bit of Irish wit as well. He loved to entertain his family with stories of his early life, especially of his experiences as a soldier in the Black Hawk Indian War.

Mary was a patient, kind, humble woman and was loved by all. Hard work and many responsibilities were her daily companions. She was very devoted to the Gospel and had a burning testimony as evidence of her faith.

Though Mary and Joseph have long since died, their children love and revere their memories.

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JOSEPH SMITH McDONALD — MARY MALINDA JONES



Mary Malinda Jones McDonald was born Mar. 23, 1863, at Fairview, San Pete County, Utah, to Elisha Jones and Sarah Ann Cummings. Her brothers and sisters were: Samuel Jones, born 12 July, 1858, who married Margaret Fisher; Rachel Ann Jones born 8 Jan., 1861, who married Orson Lee; Nancy Jones born 7 Sept. 1865, who married Elmer Mahoney; John Jones born 20 Dec., 1867, who married Minnie Davis; Harmon Jones born about 1870, Susie Jones born 8 Jan., 1873, who married Albert Mitchell; and Louise Jones born 20 Feb., 1876, who married Harvey Morris.

Mary Malinda was scarcely more than a year old when her parents moved to Heber City, Wasatch County, Utah. Her father had purchased ground in the eastern part of town. In addition to farming he established a black-smith shop.

Mary attended church and school as much as was possible in those days. She loved to read and always kept good books at hand. She was especially interested in the Book of Mormon and her copy was well worn for she read it through many times. She also enjoyed stories of fiction.

In childhood Mary and her sisters enjoyed the simple pleasures the mountain village afforded.

In springtime they would go daily to gather water-cress at the spring north of town, and in the autumn they had happy times gathering elderberries and choke-cherries which were bottled for use during the winter.

She learned hard work at an early age. Money was scarce, but people helped one another in times of difficulty. Besides assisting her mother at home, Mary did much to care for her aged grandparents, John and Rachel Cummings. When her mother's sister, Nancy Cummings McDonald, died leaving a family of seven children, the baby only two years old, Mary and her mother went daily to help care for them.

Two years later on Dec. 31, 1883; Mary Malinda Jones was married to the children's father, Joseph Smith McDonald. In 1898 they went to the Salt Lake Temple to receive their endowments and be sealed to each other for eternity. Their four living children, Lizzie, Edna, Ina and Otto went with them to be sealed to their parents along with William and Annie who had died.

This was a big occasion. Joseph's oldest daughter Jane and her husband, Alfred Shelton, went to

